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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/05

27 February 2018

Upcoming Events

TERM 1

WEEK 5

Wed, 28 February

- School Picnic 5-7pm

WEEK 7

Mon, 12 March

- Snr trip #1 to Kapiti Island

Tues, 13 March

- Board Meeting—7pm

WEEK 8

Mon, 19 March

- Snr Trip #2 to Kapiti Island

WEEK 9

Advance Notification:

Teachers have a Paid Union Meeting on Tues, 27 March. **School will close at 12.30pm on this day**

Tues, 27 March

- Snr Trip #3 to Kapiti Island

Wed, 28 March

- Snr Trip #4 to Kapiti Island

Lay it on Thick

When outdoors between 10am and 4pm, make sure you wear plenty of sunscreen—apply it thickly and evenly



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone

It was wonderful to see a high parent attendance at our 'Meet the Teacher' interviews last week; 403 interviews to be exact! So thank you for coming out on a night of changeable weather to let teachers know about your child. It's important to have the parental perspective before we launch into the deep learning.

Over the month of March I'll be spending some time in each classroom to touch base with the students and share in their learning. I love spending time in classrooms whenever I can manage it. These visits ensure I keep it 'real' when making decisions for the school, and the joy of seeing young minds at work reminds me how privileged I am to work in education.

Speaking of great work, here are a few of the amazing self-portrait collages created by Room 13 students. The photos don't do these cool artworks justice, so maybe you should pop in and take a look at the real thing.



Finally, please cross your fingers for fine weather tomorrow afternoon/evening so our 'Back to School Picnic' can go ahead! It's always such a lovely evening and the sausage sizzles (thanks to the PTA) always go down a treat. Special thanks to the Khan family for donating 200 of the sausages for sizzling!

Kind regards

Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Dre—Rm 18, Ryan—Rm 18 and Zavier—Rm 22.

Welcome

PARENT DONATIONS

Our Board of Trustees appreciates the support of the school community through payment of the school donation. All state schools operate on grants received from the government, the major portion of which goes



to wages, maintenance and general operating costs. Therefore, schools ask all families for a voluntary donation to assist with the provision of resources and equipment. **This year all school donations at PBS will go towards playground enhance-**

ments and upgrades. The school donation for one child is \$65 and \$100 for two or more children. A receipt will be provided and this may be used for tax deduction purposes.

Thank you for your support.

UPDATING SCHOOL RECORDS

We have had approximately 2/3 of the student update forms returned to date. Please check/amend your child's records and send them back to the school urgently (even if there are no changes). We will be updating our civil defence emergency box with all known changes this week.



BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC—TOMORROW 5-7PM

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us tomorrow night; after the intense heat of January, February's weather has been up and down.



Bring a picnic blanket and picnic dinner along to enjoy on the school field. Kids can have fun playing around the grounds whilst parents and staff have a chat. There will be iceblocks on sale and

BBQ sausages too. The pool will also be open. We hope to see you there!

SCHOOL ENROLMENT SCHEME—TERMS 3 & 4 NEW ENTRANTS

We are now at the planning stage for our intake of 2018 Terms 3 & 4 new entrant five-year-olds.

If you have any children due to start school soon that you have not let us know about, or if you have friends or neighbours who don't currently have a child at PBS, but may be hoping to enrol a new entrant child here in Terms 3 or 4, please ask them to contact our school office. Thank you.

n.b the 'out-of-zone' applications process for Terms 3 & 4 New Entrants will be advertised early May.



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NEW ENTRANT PARENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION— TATAHI SYNDICATE

A New Entrant Information Presentation will be held for all parents of new children this Friday, 2 March from 9.15-10am. This session will:

- ◇ Provide an overview of the “Transition to School”
- ◇ Provide an overview of the New Entrant Programme in reading, writing and mathematics
- ◇ Highlight how you can help at home with learning

In Tatahi Syndicate, we believe that successful partnerships between home and school are established when both parties have a shared expectation and knowledge of their child’s learning. We would love to see you there.

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING?

Staff Gratitude Section

I’ve had a number of parents say to me recently what a wonderful start their new entrant kids have had at PBS. They have praised the work of Jalah Davis, Sheryl McKnight, Sandy Saunders, Kerry Knap and Rachel McDowell very highly; I couldn’t agree more!



KIDS QUOTE

I enjoyed reading a piece of student writing recently that started...

“The first day of school was a goodie for getting to know new



people and friends. I wonder what’s going to happen during this year?”

EARLY NOTIFICATION OF PAID UNION MEETING FOR TEACHERS

NZEI, the Teacher’s Union, are holding union meetings for all NZ teachers during March. These meetings are to discuss their collective contract, which is up for renewal this year. At PBS our teachers will be attending an off-site meeting on Tuesday, 27 March, which means the school will close at 12.30pm. Although I will remain on site with a few Teacher Aides and office staff, we would appreciate parents making alternative arrangements for collecting students early on this day. Thanks in advance - Jess Ward





NEW SCHOLASTIC CO-ORDINATOR

Thank you to our new volunteer Scholastic Co-ordinator, Georgia Irving. If you have any queries with regards to Scholastics, please contact Georgia on 022 160 1583 or email get.georgia@gmail.com.

ENERGISING YOUNG MINDS COMPETITION

Help our school win \$25,000, \$15,000 or \$10,000 to spend on our school's science or tech equipment. Vote now:

- 1) Go to www.schoolgen.co.nz
- 2) Click on Competitions/vote for our school
- 3) Search for our school name

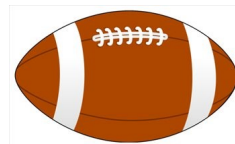
You can vote daily—the more votes the better!



TOUCH RUGBY

School vs School Touch Rugby Tournament being played on Sunday, 25 March. Any child wanting to trial for the U10 PBS team needs to be at Mazengarb Reserve on Sunday, 18 Feb at 3pm or Saturday, 17 Feb at 3pm for the School vs School U12s.

If for any reason this is cancelled, a notice will be posted on the School Facebook page by Sunday lunchtime.



GET FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL WITH KELLOGG'S AND NEW WORLD

For every New World receipt dropped into the instore collection box showing the purchase of two participating Kellogg's products, our school will be able to redeem 1 free book. Promotional Period 1 Jan-31 March 2018. Max 20 books per school. For full list of participating Kellogg products and terms and conditions visit www.kelloggs.com/freebooks



CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

This Saturday, 3 March at 11.30am at The Coast Community Church, 57 Hinemoa Street. Family fun fair with winning prizes, delicious dumpling making, live music and culture display. Gold coin entry. Please bring a plate for shared lunch. Organised by Kapiti Coast Chinese Community Trust.



FROM THE PTA

Juicees and Cookie Time Cookies

Juicees and cookies will be on sale every Friday outside Rm 17 for the rest of this term. Both the Juicees and the cookies cost \$1 each.



School Picnic

The PTA are selling some awesome products on the school picnic evening and will have their stand by the big playground. Please bring along some money to help support our PTA and raise money for our awesome school.

We have sausages for \$2, cookies for \$1, Juicees for \$1 and check out the wonderful environmentally friendly reusable bags for only \$5. There are many wonderful colours and what a way to help support our school whilst helping to eliminate the use of environmentally damaging plastic bags.

PTA Volunteers

The PTA are looking for volunteers to help with this year's gala. The gala is our school's major fundraiser which is held every two years and historically we raise around \$20,000. We cannot raise this sort of money for our school without help. The PTA are organising a separate committee just for the Gala and WE NEED YOU!

Do you have great personal organisation skills and love to have a good time? We would love to have you on the Gala Committee. The gala is booked for Saturday, 3 November and we are having our first meeting on Thursday, 15 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. If you have any questions, please see either Sandy Saunders in Rm 22 or Sheryl McKnight in Rm 18.

Remember without enough volunteers, this major fundraising event will not be able to go ahead, so every little bit of help is needed!

